

## METHODS OF ADAPTIVE CHANNEL ACCESS ATTEMPTS

## Abstract Of The Disclosure

- 5           In a data communication system(100) including infrastructure  
(101) arranged to communicate with a plurality of terminals (103) over  
a channel (109), a method of adaptable channel access practiced at a  
terminal (103) including determining an access priority value (303),  
responsive thereto ascertaining when the channel is available (305),  
10       and then executing a channel access attempt (307). The access priority  
value is determined with information received by the terminal or  
information available to the terminal.